

## REMARKS

Claim 44 has been canceled in this paper. Claims 42 and 43 have been amended in this paper. No new claims have been added in this paper. Therefore, claims 1-43 are pending and are under active consideration.

In the outstanding Office Action, the Patent Office communicates, in pertinent part, the following restriction requirement:

Restriction is required under 35 U.S.C. 121 and 372.

This application contains the following inventions or groups of inventions which are not so linked as to form a single general inventive concept under PCT Rule 13.1.

In accordance with 37 CFR 1.499, applicant is required, in reply to this action, to elect a single invention to which the claims must be restricted.

Group I, claim(s) 1-41, drawn to a method of cytosine methylation in DNA sample.

Group II, claim(s) 44, drawn to reagents.

\*\*It is noted that claims 42-43 are drawn to the use of a method and do not recite a process or product and have not been placed in either group. If applicant amends the claims to recite a process or product the claims will then be placed in the appropriate group.

In response to the above, Applicant respectfully elects Group I, claims 1-41.

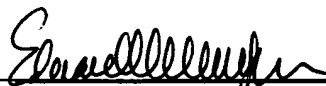
Claims 42 and 43 have been rewritten as method claims. Accordingly, Applicant respectfully submits that claims 42 and 43 should be examined with claims 1-41.

In conclusion, it is respectfully submitted that the present application is in condition for allowance. Prompt and favorable action is earnestly solicited.

If there are any fees due in connection with the filing of this paper that are not accounted for, the Examiner is authorized to charge the fees to our Deposit Account No. 11-1755. If a fee is required for an extension of time under 37 C.F.R. 1.136 that is not accounted for already, such an extension of time is requested and the fee should also be charged to our Deposit Account.

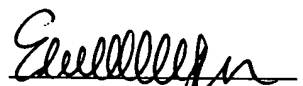
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